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Among the many military books that might be of interest to our readers, I'd include such classics as Heinz Guderian's *Panzer Leader*, Martin Blumenson's two-volume *The Patton Papers*, J.F.C. Fuller's *Armament and History*, John S.D. Eisenhower's *The Bitter Woods*, Read and Fisher's *The Fall of Berlin*, Kenneth Macksey's *Rommel - Battles and Campaigns*, J.F.C. Fuller's *The Second World War*, COL Trevor N. Dupuy's *The Evolution of Weapons and Warfare*, Moshe Dayan's *Diary of the Sinai Campaign*, Fuller's *The Conduct of War*, and many, many others. This does not be-

gin to scratch the surface of a very rich catalog.

Military biographies include the work of Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Ayrault Dodge, who lost a leg fighting for the Union at Gettysburg and later produced biographies of Hannibal, Alexander, Caesar, and Napoleon (a four-volume work). The fall list includes release of Dodge's biography of Gustavus Adolphus, the Swedish warrior-king who pioneered many military innovations during the Thirty Years War of the early 1600s. Dodge's history of the Civil War is also available, along with more than 50 other titles dealing with aspects of that struggle.

The works of B.H. Liddell-Hart are well represented, including his *Lawrence of Arabia*, *The Rommel Papers*, *Great Captains Unveiled*, and *Scipio Africanus*. J.F.C. Fuller, his equally influential contemporary, wrote a classic, three-volume *Military History of the Western World*, each about 600 pages and available for a nominal \$16 each. Fuller's biography of Caesar is on the Da Capo list, along with his *Generalship of Alexander the Great*.

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